



2020 HCCP Designee of the Year: Matt Rayburn

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Matt Rayburn is the deputy executive director and chief real estate development officer for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), the state housing finance agency for Indiana. He serves on IHCDA’s executive leadership team and oversees the agency’s real estate development department, which handles allocation and compliance for the Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, National Housing Trust Fund, Indiana Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund, Housing Choice Vouchers and related rental assistance programs, Section 811 PRA, Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administration, and Indiana Housing First programs, as well as planning and training for the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute and other supportive housing initiatives. Matt is also the lead for IHCDA disaster recovery and is designated as Indiana’s disaster housing manager, and is responsible for working with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security on planning and recovery efforts.

How long have you worked in the LIHTC industry?

Since 2007.

How does the HCCP designation benefit people working in LIHTC?

HCCP has a longstanding, strong reputation in the LIHTC industry. Holding the HCCP designation gives you credibility and indicates that you are a professional who is dedicated to and well-trained in the LIHTC program. Furthermore, the HCCP designation provides excellent continuing education opportunities for its members through webinars and the articles released in *The Credential*.



How has the HCCP designation impacted your career?

I was extremely honored to serve on the HCCP Board of Governors for six years, including one year as the board chair. This opportunity gave me the chance to meet many wonderful people from across the country who shared a passion for the LIHTC industry and the HCCP designation, and to expand my knowledge of the program. I am grateful to be back with the board again as part of its Technical Advisory Group.

How did you get into the LIHTC industry?

In 2007, I accepted an internship at IHEDA, which turned into the opportunity for a longer research project working on quadratic assignment procedure (QAP) analysis. In 2008, I joined the agency full time as a multifamily monitor working in compliance for LIHTC and HOME.

What are your day-to-day responsibilities?

One of the things I have enjoyed about this industry is that it truly seems like I get to learn something new and work on something new every day. No two days turn out the same! My key responsibilities are working on agency-wide strategic planning, setting program policy, overseeing the agency's capital funding programs and a large number of its rental assistance programs, and building relationships with partners. Lately, a lot of my day-to-day work has been working on COVID-19 policies and response, including emergency rental assistance programs.

What helped with your success in the LIHTC industry?

One of the most important things in my career has been the network of peers and friends I have made through groups such as HCCP and National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA). There are so many intelligent and passionate people in this industry who are willing to share their ideas and lessons learned. Having this group of trusted colleagues who I can call with questions and concerns is critical. In my daily programmatic work, I attribute much of my success to the talented team that works with me at IHEDA.

What's your favorite hobby?

Traveling with my wife, playing board and card games, listening to music, reading, spending time with family, and hanging around the house with our dog and cat.